

REMARKS

The Office Action rejects the claims under 35 USC §112 for indefiniteness relating to certain claim terms. These grounds appear to be the same as those addressed by the Examiner's proposed amendment sent to Applicant's attorney by telefacsimile on 23 July 2003. Accordingly, claims 1 and 16-18 have been amended to conform to this proposed amendment, which is believed to address the §112 concerns raised.

In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-9 and 16-22 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the present application.

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